

ODDS AND ENDS.

Cork, if sunk 2000 feet in the ocean, will not rise on account of the pressure of the water.

While money won't buy everything still it gives you a rather large variety to choose from.

Cut nails will make a roof last twice as long as wire nails. Did you know that?

Jasper county, Iowa, is said to have more Shorthorn cattle than any other county in the United States.

The American crop of macaroni wheat this year is estimated at 8,000,000 bushels against 2,000,000 last year.

The average cost of raising a bushel of corn in Illinois, as determined by an exhaustive line of experiments, was found to be ten cents.

Charleston, S. C., with 31,000 negro and 24,000 white population, is ruled by whites, although blacks are treated fairly.

We have noticed that the friend who tells us very loudly how much she would do for us is always the one who lets us do everything for her.

Over ten million pieces of mail matter, covering \$48,643 in money and \$1,493,000 in checks and drafts, reached the Dead-letter Office during the year.

In sixty years the annual per capita consumption of whiskey has gradually decreased from two and a half to one and a fourth gallons.

Since 1790 the area of the United States has increased from 827,844 to 3,622,933 square miles, the number of counties has increased from 307 to 2,867 and the total population has increased from 3,029,214 to 76,303,387, or nineteenfold.

Statistics show that ten years ago Oklahoma produced less than 5,000,000 bushels of wheat. This year the crop is over 30,000,000 bushels. And



Drive Out

in a modern vehicle if you drive at all. The old carriage has served its purpose and paid many hundred percent on its purchase price. Get a new one. Prices are not so high as when you bought last. And the

CARRIAGES

are better. They have more style. They are lighter, stronger and run easier.

The handsome Buggies, Road Wagons, Runabouts, etc., that can be seen here are a delight to the eye. Come and see them. High quality and moderate cost are their strong points.

KETELSON BROS.



THIS IS IT!

The man says WHEELER & WILSON Sewing Machines are three times the value of any other. One-third faster; one-third easier.

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Rotary Motion and Ball Bearings, the lightest running machine in the world. RAPID. It saves about one day in three, sewing that much faster than any vibrating shuttle sewing machine. More time is saved, more money earned. QUIET and DURABLE. The Rotary Motion does away with noise and wear caused by the forward and backward movement of the shuttle.

BEST for all kinds of sewing. Will sew the lightest goods without puckering them, and on heavy work makes a seam that is elastic, strong and durable.

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this is the way the west is developing.

The four corporations which lead in the number of stockholders are: United States Steel, 63,000; Pennsylvania railroad, 35,000; Atchison railroad, 18,000, and American Sugar, 15,000.

A man who has watched the trend of events says that it is not crime that has increased but that the statistics of crime have increased. The per cent of crime to the population was greater fifty years ago than it is to-day.

Science is learning how to treat soft woods, which grow rapidly, so that they can be made to last as long as hard wood. This will assist in reducing the annual consumption of ties and fence posts, which are no small factor.

There is nothing in the world so satisfactory as plain, everyday honesty and common decency. Might just as well live up in the realms of seven story thought, as to grope around in the cellar of dismal things.

An Atchison man told an old maid recently that she was a sweet old thing, and she has lain awake nights ever since dreaming of him. Men should be careful to whom they throw bouquets. Some nice old girls get so few they exaggerate the importance of a stray blossom.—Atchison Globe.

One prime cause of boys leaving the farm for city life is the general unthriftness and unattractiveness of the farm home. His education should be broadened rather than restricted, that he may not only see great possibilities in the farm rightly conducted, but also to enjoy his work and his home.

Sir Thomas Lipton has purchased 1000 acres of land in Georgia. This purchase is in connection with the scheme of the Great Britain and Southern States Cattle and Abattoirs Company, which intends to cover Georgia with cattle farms and abattoirs to feed the English market in competition with the beef trust.

The total population of the earth is estimated at over 1,500,000,000. The distribution is thus proportioned: Europe, 372,925,000, or 99.66 per square mile; Asia, 880,558,000, or 48.57 per square mile; Africa, 170,050,000, or 14.77 per square mile; America, 132,718,000 or 8.96 per square mile; Polynesia, 6,000,000 or 1.73 per square mile; Polar regions, 82,000, or .05 per square mile; total, 1,512,333,000, or an average of 28.89 per square mile.

So far this year more than forty railway postal clerks have been killed and over 500 injured, more or less seriously. In consequence, the clerks are not attracted by fast trains. Many of them have asked to be transferred from the trunk lines, where they get \$1,500 a year, to the branch lines, where the maximum yearly salary is \$1,000. Much trouble is experienced by the superintendents of railway mail service in securing men for the fastest mail trains.

For the first time in the history of the U. S. the production of coal has reached a total of over 300,000,000 short tons, the actual showing being 300,930,659 tons, valued at \$374,133,843. The output of anthracite coal amounted to 36,865,710 long tons (equivalent to 41,389,595 short tons), valued at \$81,016,937, a decrease of 23,376,850 long tons, or almost 40 per cent, from 1901.

"Do not ask questions" is the most foolish advice which age can give to youth. The youth or even the man who never asks questions can be set down as very dull. A little judgment in selecting the proper time and place for seeking information is all that is needed, but the desire for information should be carefully cultivated. The honest, earnest seeker after truth is the hope of the race.

THE DEPTH OF DEPRAVITY.

Innocent Maid the Victim of Perfidious Society Man.

"My dear Julia, I'm so glad to see you, for I've just had such a shock. I want to tell you about it. You know George Billings—such a nice fellow, apparently. Well, my dear, would you believe it, he's the most underhanded, deceitful fellow in the world. You know I've been having quite a desperate flirtation with him for some time—dances, tete-a-tetes, hand squeezing, and all that sort of thing. Of course, I'm engaged to Tom, and I wouldn't be false to him for the world, but then there's no harm in a little flirtation now and then. Well, this affair with George got to be very desperate and I was afraid Tom might hear of it, so I thought I'd give George a little warning. Last night I met him at the Tompkins, and managed to hint something about my engagement. He just laughed and said:

"Oh, yes; I know all about it."

"What do you think of that, my dear? Isn't that deceitful and underhanded to flirt with a girl whom he knows is engaged? But that isn't the worst. He told me that he was going to be married next month. Wasn't that perfectly scandalous? Why, it was perfectly outrageous. Just think of his acting in that way when he was engaged. His depravity is really shocking."—Brooklyn Eagle.

WITH BOW AND ARROW.

Hunters Are Now Given to Matching Their Skill Against Animal Cunning.

A new class of sportsmen has been growing up within the last few years, whose distinguishing characteristic is based upon the line followed by the late Maurice Thompson, sportsman and author, say the Chicago Journal. Thompson declined to use the shotgun on small game, preferring to match skill against cunning. He made it a practice not to kill game until he was close enough to watch and study it. So he took a long bow and went into the woods after quail and grouse. He hunted rabbits in the same manner, and was very successful.

When he went after quail he stole upon the flock in its haunts and picked off the birds with arrows that made no noise and did not frighten those that remained. In this way he grew to know the haunts and habits of his quarry as the shotgun hunter never does. Rabbits he stalked in a similar manner. The point to be won was to see the rabbit in the little "form" where it spends the day, in surroundings that render it well-nigh invisible, and shoot it before it could run away. For squirrels he took an ancient flint-lock rifle.

Most hunters are not handicapping themselves to this extent, but take instead of a bow or flintlock a small rifle with which the head may be snipped off a quail or grouse and a tiny puncture made in a rabbit's skull.

SYMBOLS IN A CARPET.

Interpretation of Figures in an Ancient Persian Carpet by an Expert.

During the shah's last stay in Paris he paid a visit to the Gobelins, where he showed a most appreciative interest in all that he saw. Before a remarkably fine Persian carpet, given to the museum by M. Goupil, he remained for some time, interpreting for himself the symbolical allusions thickly embroidered upon it, which, however, he declined to translate into French. A few days since the mystery was cleared up. There arrived in Paris the manager of the imperial carpet weaving factory in Teheran, who stated that he had been commissioned by the shah to study the methods of manufacture in use at the Gobelins. To him the director applied for a solution of the legends which had so captivated the shah. Thereupon the Persian began to read out a running translation: "A carpet for the ruler of the earth; superiority for his feet; how beautiful it is; it is in his cabinet and knows his secrets. It is pleasant as Paradise, and brighter than the Academy of Mari (Persian painter), for it contains all the colors of China. The nightingale coming to perch upon it cannot tear itself away from its loveliness. Neither winter nor autumn can ever change the tints of this carpet." This is a good deal for one carpet to signify, says the London Pall Mall Gazette, but critics say that it is justified in holding a high opinion of itself. It is about three centuries old.

AT A DUNKER MEETING.

Picturesque Services of an Ancestral Seat Described by an Eye-witness.

At one side, at the long tables, sit the sisters, their white prayer coverings showing full against the general gloom, their mild, serious faces turned toward the preachers, and on every hand hang their black bonnets—sombre draperies added to the somber scene. At the other side are the brethren, long-bearded, long-haired men with solemn faces, and along every low-lying beam stretch row on row of great hats, their crowns rising like a series of monuments to the doctrine of humility. On the platform are the preachers—a line of them—most of them old and white, says an exchange.

The few flickering lights throw strange shadows everywhere, and now and then bring into relief the black forms of the unregenerate in the half-filled mows at either end. From the stables below come the sound of cattle stirring restlessly in their straw bedding, the half-suppressed bleat of a lamb, the cluck of a nervous hen. Back of it all, a pushing, vulgar mass, crowding at the wide doors, stares in at the company—the sisters from the neighboring villages, arrayed in bonnets gay with paper flowers of every hue, bright dresses, or the terrible productions of the "fashionable tailor" or the "gents' furnisher" of the country town.

Hydrogen as an Illuminant.

The production of oxygen and hydrogen on an industrial scale by the decomposition of water with electrolytic apparatus in Germany, says a foreign exchange, has led to the suggestion that hydrogen thus produced may find a wide field of employment as a lighting agent. It is used for inflating military balloons. For lighting purposes it is compressed in steel cylinders. With a proper burner it is said to be a cheaper illuminant than acetylene, the relative cost for equal illuminating power being as 25 for hydrogen to 59 for acetylene.

A Novel Way of Driving.

A man riding a bicycle and driving a horse at the same time startled people on a Philadelphia street the other day. He held the reins in one hand and guided his machine with the other. His feet rested upon the master and the horse did the rest, and out among the other vehicles he guided, the animal and all along the street people stopped and gazed in wonder.

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All kinds of Builders' Hardware, and all kinds of Shelf Hardware. Kingman Disc and Gang Plows, and Kingman Com-modore Sulky Plows. Everything handy, light and cheap.

Bain Wagons

I am selling the celebrated Bain Wagon. This is not the lowest-priced wagon on the market, but it is the cheapest wagon made when you consider quality. These wagons are built of thoroughly seasoned material. They are made by free labor, working by the day, consequently nothing is slighted. They are the best painted, best ironed, finest finished, most durable and lightest draft wagon made.

CLINTON WAGONS

If you want a low-priced wagon, let me sell you a Clinton. You can't better the price anywhere.

D. G. Donovan,

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KANSAS

DANGEROUS PIECE OF SURGERY.

Abscess in Mouth of Cobra Successfully Treated.

A remarkable feat of snake surgery took place recently in the New York Zoological Park under Curator Dittmars. Naigina, a splendid 10-foot king cobra had developed an abscess next to one of her poison fangs, and unless this was removed she would die. To capture the dangerous reptile, to force her jaws apart and to cut the abscess, was the problem.

The curator had a plan and he called for an extra fat snake pill. When the stuffed snake appeared it was distended to the bursting point. In more than a month the cobra had not touched food. Mr. Dittmars summoned five keepers, armed himself with a surgeon's pliers and proceeded to the attack. Through a circular aperture, protected with a slide, the snake pill was threaded. The hungry snake took hold of it at once. Frequently she stopped, in evident pain, but each time she resumed until the long black thing was half way down her throat.

This was the moment to act. The door was thrown open and before the cobra could disgorge herself to fight, she was seized by the head and throat, while other hands grasped her body and tail. Then the mouth was forced wide apart while the pliers did their work, and the finest specimen of cobra in captivity was thus saved to the collection.

A Nile Village.

A traveler of the upper Nile thus describes a typical native village: "The houses are built of Nile mud, each house accommodating a family of no matter of what size, the inhabitants of each village almost all related to each other, comprising sometimes several hundreds of people. Their streets are littered with filth, animals of every kind obstruct one's path, dogs growl and snarl at the appearance and intrusion of a stranger; women rush about, hiding their faces in their yashmaks lest a white man should behold their features. Flies in swarms settle on the children and lay their eggs on their eyelids, unwashed, because they believe it to be contrary to their religion to wash or remove the flies from their eyes."

ROAD NOTICE.

First published October 29, 1902. State of Kansas, County of Edwards, Office of County Clerk. Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of October, 1903, a petition signed by L. E. Walt and 21 others was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of the County and State of Kansas, praying for the laying out and opening of a new road as follows, viz:

Commencing at the Pawnee county line between Sections 4 and 5, Township 23, Range 16, thence south 0-1/2 mile line between Sections 8 and 16, 16 and 17, 20 and 21, 28 and 29, 32 and 33, same township and range, and to connect with road No. 101 at the southeast corner of Section 32, Township 23, Range 16.

Whereupon the said Board of County Commissioners appointed the following viewers, viz: G. P. Toops, C. L. Colyer and M. T. Ingraham to meet with the said County Commissioners on Tuesday, November 3, 1903, at the pre-Edwards county, Kansas, at 11 a. m., and proceed to view the above proposed road, and give all parties concerned a fair hearing. By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

D. D. BAXTER, County Clerk.

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